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I believe that the proposed settlement to the Microsoft anti-trust case is unacceptable. The settlement allows, and even encourages, the advancement of the Microsoft monopoly by requiring them to supply hardware and software to schools. Microsoft does not traditionally carry a majority of the school market share, yet this move would allow them to increase their percentage of the educational market while also allowing them to use roughly 1/4 of the total 'cost' of the settlement to pay for hardware while using the other 3/4 to pay themselves for the software they're providing, which is helping their overall market penetration. This is a settlement that was obviously proposed by a company who has no respect for the justice system and is counting on the system being too stupid to see through their plans. I hope that you all will do the right thing to encourage competition in the US marketplace.

While a truly appropriate penalty will be hard to come to, one that rewards a defendant for wrongdoings of which they have been accused is clearly not in the interest of the American people.

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